

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1 and 4-12 will be pending.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 5-12 are allowed, and that claim 2 is allowable, but objected to as depending from a rejected base claim.

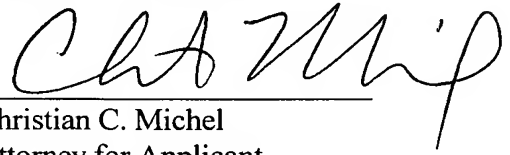
The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP 10-027460 (Applicants assume the Examiner intended to reject claim 4, since it is discussed in section 2 of the office action, even though the first sentence only indicates that claim 1 is rejected). Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the elements of allowable claim 2. Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be allowable. The Examiner rejected claim 4 based on JP 10-027460. Applicants have amended claim 4 to clarify embodiments of Applicants' invention. Claim 4 now recites a main printed circuit board (PCB) having a first connector electrically connected thereto. The cable comprises a second connector disposed at a distal end thereof. The second connector is adapted to engage the first connector. These features are not new matter, and are shown, for example, in FIG's 3 and 4, and the corresponding portion of the specification. Reference JP 10-027460 does not teach or suggest these features. Accordingly, claim 4 should be allowed.

The Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0967-595. Applicants have canceled claim 3 from the application by this amendment. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot.

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In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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